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SUBJECT: GOVERNING MAYOR DISCUSSES BERLIN COALITION AND
FRG-GDR TRANSIT TALKS

1. SUMMARY: GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ SAYS PLANS FOR
BERLIN UNDER COALITION GOVERNMENT WILL SHOW ALMOST NO
CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS PROGRAM. HE THINKS FRG-GDR TRANSIT
TALKS WILL GET NOWHERE UNTIL FINANCING QUESTION IS
SETTLED AND SAYS NEITHER SIDE HAS YET MADE REALISTIC
FINANCING PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

2. IN MAY 2 MEETING WITH COMMANDANTS AND MINISTERS,
GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ PROFESSED SATISFACTION WITH
SPD-FDP COALITION OUTCOME, SAID THREE NEW FDP SENAT
FIGURES WOULD MAKE LITTLE DIFFERENCE IN WAY CITY
GOVERNED, AND DISMISSED CURRENT DPD-CDU BICKERING ABOUT
COALITION MANEUVERING AS INCONSEQUENTIAL POLITICAL
JOUSTING. TO ILLUSTRATE THE MINIMAL EXTENT TO WHICH
THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM WOULD DIFFER FROM THE PRE-
VIOUS PROGRAM, SCHUETZ CITED AS THE MOST MOMENTOUS DE-
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PARTURES A CHANGE IN THE EDICT BANNING MOTORBOATS ON

ALTERNATE WEEKENDS, ELIMINATION OF ZEHLENDORF TUNNEL PROJECT, AND SETTING UP OF SMALL OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (THE LATTER, ACCORDING TO HIM, BEING CREATED MOSTLY TO GIVE JOBS TO A FEW PEOPLE). SCHUETZ SAID NEW BUDGET WILL BE ONLY SOME SEVENTEEN MILLION DM LESS THAN OLD ONE OF ABOUT THIRTEEN BILLION. ASKED ABOUT LIKELY TROUBLE AREAS, SUCH AS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BUSINESS AND NEW FDP SENATOR LUEDER, SCHUETZ SAID HE EXPECTS THEM TO GET ALONG, AND THAT TROUBLE IS NOT LIKELY TO COME FROM AREAS PRESS HAS BEEN SPECULATING ABOUT, ALTHOUGH IT MAY FROM OTHERS SUCH AS UNIVERSITIES. SCHUETZ SAID HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE TROUBLES THERE.

3. SCHUETZ SAID FRG-GDR TRANSIT TALKS ARE GETTING NOWHERE AND WILL GET NOWHERE UNTIL FINANCING QUESTION IS SETTLED. HE OPINED THAT WHILE BOTH SIDES HAVE MORE OR LESS LAID OUT THEIR POSITION ON THIS, NEITHER HAS AS YET PUT FORWARD A PROPOSAL IT COULD REASONABLY EXPECT TO BE NEGOTIABLE. HE GAVE IMPRESSION HIS IS NOT EXPECTING THIS TIME SOON. GEORGE

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